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This is a world of deceit and trouble.

People, who stop work in order to pray misunderstand the divine command. Prayer in secret will be rewarded by God openly.

It is trouble for you today and for some one else tomorrow. This is a world of trouble.

Be careful of your conduct. You never know, when you may need white friends as well as colored ones.

Some people just naturally do right and some others by force of habit do wrong. Some people are constantly on the watch to take advantage of others who are not watching.

Some of our subscribers are making sacrifices and are sending us money. They realize that we need this kind of help right through here now.

The young people of today are self-willed. Some of them come around all right and some others come around all wrong.

Some people's highest ambition is to get married and after they are married their greatest desire is to get single again.

Treat some white folks right and they will treat you wrong. Treat some other white folks right and they will treat you right. This is equally true of some colored folks.

Mr. Myer Greentree, one of the most progressive business men of this city looks the picture of health after his return from Europe. He reports conditions on the other side as encouraging. He ranks among the ablest merchants in the Southland.

President W. Meade Addison, of the popular Planters' National Bank official has been named as a member of the Finance Committee of the American Bankers' Association. This is a great honor. This distinguished Virginian is at present President of the Richmond Clearing House Association.

We learned with regret of the death of the mother of the accomplished wife of Hon. Oliver J. Sands. "Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal," and this thought will lighten the blow especially in the case where a loved one "has gone the way of all the earth."

A most interesting question was raised by the arrest of Lieutenant Art, the operator of an aeroplane. He was flying over the city on last Sunday and released a bomb with advertising circulars. He was arrested, being charged with disorderly conduct. The question is as to whether police jurisdiction extends to the stars above Richmond or only to the ground. No report of any fine having been imposed is available.

Some men make the mistake of marrying a woman for work, when they need one for entertaining in a parlor. Some others marry a woman for parlor, when they need one to work. Then there is a mutual disagreement. Few know how to select one who will prove to be able to occupy themselves satisfactorily in both capacities. On the other hand, some

women marry sportsmen, when they need a man for work and some others marry a working man, when they want a good-timer. They have trouble too.

The Richmond City School Board has taken a long stride in the direction of according justice, and fairly play to the colored people of this community when it had erected the fine Armstrong High School building. It has been a source of embarrassment to every progressive colored citizen in visiting other cities of the country where structures admirably furnished were in evidence as to the liberality of southern communities in dealing with the children of the colored race. We have always contended that the better class of white people would strive for the betterment of racial conditions and we are pleased to know that in this instance, we have not been disappointed.

Our esteemed friend and able attorney, J. Thomas Newsome, who is rapidly recovering from a recent physical breakdown has received some very fine letters of sympathy of a highly complimentary nature as to his ability and worth from both the bench and the bar throughout the State. One particular missive from a distinguished jurist is so highly prized by him that it is destined to be an heirloom in his family and be handed down to succeeding generations. The advice given reads like that of a philosopher and the instructions given would do credit to any one of the original disciples of the good and lowly Jesus.

HARRY WILLS IN LIMELIGHT.

The great fistie encounter between Harry Wills, the colored heavy-weight fighter and Homer Smith (white) of Kalamazoo, Michigan took place October 11th, 1923 in New York before a large crowd. It was of peculiar significance inasmuch as Wills is signed up for a championship fight with Jack Dempsey, the heavy-weight champion, who has consistently avoided meeting him. Another peculiar part of the situation is the fact that Homer Smith stayed ten rounds in the ring with Luis Angel Firpo, the brawny South American fighter, who was recently knocked out in the second round by Jack Dempsey and who is known as the "wild bull of the Pampas."

Smith is said to have been often on the floor of the ring in his fight with Harry Wills than he was on his feet. Wills did not use his left at all in the contest and he put Homer Smith out with body blows. It is evident that the championship bout between the redoubtable white champion and the colored pugilist must take place in the near future. As to the crowd to see it, it is staged in New York, the size as to numbers can be compared only to the recent championship fight between the two New York base-ball teams.

If Wills wins there will be many well-to-do overnight black sportsmen. If Dempsey wins the roads out of New York will be crowded with many foot-weary travellers, who lost their all in a remarkable betting contest.

THOSE TWO LETTERS.

You may say what you will, but two letters received by the Advisory Committee of white citizens, under the chairmanship of Hon. C. R. Kelley have caused much joy and gratification among the colored leaders and their followers in this community. Mayor George Ainslie sent a ringing letter to the joint committee, one of which has Rev. T. J. Mosby, pastor of the New Baptist Church as chairman. The other was addressed to Gov. C. R. Kelley direct and came from His Excellency, E. Lee Trinkle, Governor of Virginia. Both sought to keep alive the spirit of thrift among the colored people of this community and had for their purpose, the vacating of the receivership of the Mechanics Savings Bank.

As a result, the colored people themselves are rallying, and the outlook is that the slow-moving organizations which had money there will sign the waiver and end the expensive receivership. When this is done money to pay the twenty per cent will be available. We still have friends among the financiers of this city and if the depositors will promptly follow the advice given all will be well. Remember, those who delay signing the waivers are endangering not only their own money, but the money of those who have signed. Every day the receivers remain in the Mechanics Savings Bank, the expense is increasing. Conditions have reached such a stage that depositors have only themselves to blame for existing conditions and not the receivers. When the depositors sign up, the receivers will retire and the money needed to pay them will come in. Hon. C. R. Kelley, one of the ablest Americans in this country has testified to this and Banker James D. Lecky has supplied the facts and figures, while the recommendations have been virtually

approved by the Chief Executive of this State and the official head of Richmond city.

We refer to His Excellency E. Lee Trinkle, Governor of Virginia and His Honor, George Ainslie, Mayor of Richmond city. This should furnish conclusive evidence to the most pessimistic. Enough said. Action now is needed.

THAT VIRGINIA LYNCHING.

The lynching of Horace Carter, a colored man in King and Queen county Saturday night, October 13th for an offense alleged to have been committed a year ago is one of the most peculiar violations of the law that has ever taken place within the confines of this commonwealth. This State has been practically free from such wanton violations of the law and the promptness with which Governor E. Lee Trinkle named Judge J. T. Clements of Chatham, Va. to sit for Judge Claggett Jones of that county who is clerk indicates that the perpetrators of the murder will be relentlessly prosecuted if their names can be ascertained.

It is realized now that the crime against the State of Virginia, rather than against the hapless victim of the outrage. Attorney General John R. Saunders has been commendably active in this matter and has visited the neighborhood with a view to ascertaining the facts in the case. Courts are established to punish evil-doers and white men have charge of the courts. Certainly then there can be no excuse for white men taking the law into their own hands and usurping the functions of the courts. Those of us who live in the Southland have great hopes as to its future and it is gratifying to know that the people of Virginia are elevating to public office men of high ideas and transcendent justice. Let no effort be spared in bringing the murderers of Horace Carter to justice.

In lynching him, they have dealt a deadly blow at the constituted legal machinery established for the punishment of just such crimes as the one with which the victim stood charged. Lynch-law must go!

ABLE SPEAKERS.

Rev. R. V. Peyton, former pastor of the Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church, preached recently at Mount Carmel Baptist Church to a large audience at every service. Much money was raised as a result of the effort. Many could not secure admission. At the same time the able orator, Rev. Charles S. Morris, Sr., was preaching to large congregations at the Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church.

A VOICE FROM ATLANTIC CITY.

2027 Arcle Avenue
Atlantic City, N. J.
October 4, 1923.

Hon. John Mitchell, Jr.,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir:—After reading the Planet of September 29th, in which was the report of the meeting held at the Fifth St. Baptist Church, concerning the Mechanics Savings Bank, I am glad to say that my thoughts of you have been verified. And permit me to congratulate you on the conclusions so reached. Also let me say in an humble way that I have known you for a lifetime, and it was my opportunity and pleasure to have been closely associated with you largely by your appointment as a member of the Grand Lodge, K. of P. of Virginia for more than ten years; and your straight-forwardness and fair dealing were always apparent through which you endeared yourself to the people.

I being out of the State a few years have never kept pace with conditions have never before now quite understood the calamity that overtook the bank and therefore I have always felt that it was not your fault and now I am truly convinced that it was not. I have always thought that you would scorn a dishonest act and I still believe the same as time, patience and perseverance will accomplish all things. I trust that the day is not far distant, when your honesty and integrity shall have been entirely vindicated before the world.

I also hope that for the great good which you have done our race in person and through the Planet will not be forgotten and in some way will be reciprocated; and above all, God will take care of those who put their trust in Him and I am glad that you are saving as did good old Job: "that though He slay me yet will I trust Him."

Sincerely yours,

—SAMUEL M. WILSON, SR.

Dear Friend, Brother and Leader:—

We sympathize with you, as the angry cloud of trouble over shadows you. However we sincerely feel that behind that cloud there is a silver lining. The faithful service that you have rendered to the race and humanity will live for ever. Take courage press right on ward, for right will always win. Never waver, never fear God leads right to victory. The final triumph is drawing near.

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WYTHEVILLE NEWS.

The congregation of Franklin St. M. E. church was elated Sunday, listening to their beloved pastor, Rev. W. Ward. Brother Ward came back with a new vision and is determined by the help of God to surpass his previous efforts both spiritually and materially.

Rev. L. B. Alston preached mornings and night at the Baptist church and in the afternoon at Max Meadows to enthusiastic audiences.

Rev. G. O. Wing served his people at Bethel A. M. E. church morning and night in his usual eloquent and forceful manner. Dr. Wing deserves all the honors, within the gift of his people.

The rally at High Point Baptist church of Rural Retreat was a decided success. Rev. T. W. Hebron preached at 11 A. M. from Psalm 100—2nd Sub. "Reasons for Joy." At 7:30 from John 4:2. Dr. G. O. Wing pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, Wytheville preached at 3 o'clock. Dr. Wing held his audience spell-bound. Our white friends were pleased with the Drs' delivery. Dr. Wing's text was 2nd Tim. 4th verse. Come again Dr.

Mrs. Julia E. Gray, the 2 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Gray issued invitations for her birthday party October 17th.

Mr. Paul Mertz of Dayton, Ohio is spending the winter in Wytheville with his family.

Mrs. Aaron Galoway with her four daughters, Gladys, Eva, Emily and Virginia have gone to Richmond for a two weeks visit.

Mrs. T. W. Hebron and her two sons, R. Alexander and T. Walter Hebron Jr., motored to Rural Retreat Sunday evening for services.

Mrs. Janie Crockett who has been spending a few weeks at Cove Springs, has returned to her home. Mrs. Crockett has been an invalid for nearly four years. She is a patient sufferer and looks forward to the time, when she shall regain her health. Her hopefulness has surpassed general expectations and her faith in God is founded upon the fact that God is just, merciful, forgiving and has kept, protected and comforted her in this long illness and she is determined to follow His lead.

Mr. S. F. Newton, Mrs. Gertrude Allen, Mrs. Ella Brown and Mr. W. H. Steptean are still on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith of Gilliam, W. Va. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Adam Sotger.

Madames Hester Barnes and Mrs. Maggie Taylor were business visitors in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Russell of Blacklick attended the rally at Rural Retreat Sunday.

Let us have your subscriptions to the Planet.

Many hearts were made sad, when the New York Giants lost to the Yankees, Hello W. H.!

The chorister of the E. C. Club came to sleep. We hope something will wake him up.

Mrs. Robbette Ellis of Bluefield, W. Va., who attended the M. E. Conference at Maryville Tenn. stopped over to visit Mr. and Mrs. James Harper for a few days.

REV. BELL IN RICHMOND.

Rev. A. O. Bell, who is pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church at McKeesport Pa. has been conducting a revival for Rev. Dr. T. J. King at the Fifth St. Baptist Church. He has had great success. He concluded his labors here last night much to the edification of the large outpouring of the people.

DO YOU KNOW HIM?

I want to know the whereabouts of Walter Fitzhugh Henderson, height 5 feet, 4-2 inches. He is of light complexion and has light gray eyes. He resided at one time at 5 East Orange Street, Richmond, Va.

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MONTCLAIR NOTES.

Montclair, N. J., October 15.—The New Jersey Baptist State Convention closed one of its best sessions with the re-election of the Rev. John C. Love as president.

Rev. C. S. Morris preached at the Union Baptist Church Sunday morning. He was listened to with unbounded attention, which he is able of obtaining from any congregation.

Rev. J. C. Love is having a religious feast leading up to the rally on the third Sunday in an effort to raise \$10,000 on the new edifice to be erected on the corner of Portland Place and Midland Avenue.

Mr. Henry Hutchinson is a real live wire. He has few equals when it comes to church work.

Mrs. E. A. Blakey, who has been quite sick, is out again.

Lawyer W. P. Allen is able to be out again. Both were under the treatment of Dr. J. Hunter Brooks, of 53 Greenwood Avenue.

Mrs. William Scott left for Richmond Sunday night. We hope she may return at an early date.

Mrs. B. L. Jackson, of Talbot St. is The Planet Agent. She will give you a call.

The A. F. and A. M. are capturing the State of New Jersey, under Mr. John Gordon, of Montclair, as Grand Master of the State.

There was a oral religious feast all last week at the St. Paul Baptist Church, Rev. Randolph V. Peyton, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jarner are cosily domiciled in their new home, 6 Dey Street.

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